



NORTH OKANAGAN LAND TO TABLE NETWORK

BUILDING A THRIVING, HEALTHY AND
RESILIENT REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM

Land to Table Stewards United Way BC Regional Community Food Hub Initiative

NORTH OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP, September 27, 2021 - [Land to Table](#) has taken on the role of steward for [United Way British Columbia's Regional Community Food Hub](#) in the North Okanagan. In this role, we aim to connect and support community organizations working to make food more accessible. Our new Food Access Coordinator, Kelly Panchyshyn, will be partnering with the [Okanagan Indian Band](#), [The Good Food Box](#) and the [White Valley Resource Centre](#) to assess need, secure additional resources, launch new programs, and strengthen their volunteer networks. Together, we aim to secure more equitable access to sustainable, healthy, local, and culturally connected food for those living in the North Okanagan.

As part of this initiative, Land to Table will also be hosting a series of meetings designed to map out opportunities for collaboration between local food producers and those working to provide food to members of the community and assess the need for collaboration and funding. In the meantime, more information on this initiative can be found at the Land to Table [Regional Community Food Hub Project page](#).

"United Way British Columbia is proud to work with Land to Table as steward of the North Okanagan Regional Community Food Hub. This partnership supports Land to Table to foster regional collaboration focused on providing direct food support and other food security programming, while growing partnerships with farmers and agricultural partners, and strengthening the sovereignty of Indigenous communities in the area. Working together, we are strengthening vital connections for North Okanagan communities to help those in need by creating local solutions to food insecurity." - Alzbeta Sabova, Food Security Initiatives Manager, United Way

"Land to Table is dedicated to working with our partners to better understand existing programs and barriers to food access, and to create solutions that emphasize community empowerment and collaboration" - Liz Blakeway, Network Director, Land to Table

About United Way British Columbia

Working with communities in BC's Interior, Lower Mainland and Central & Northern Vancouver Island, United Way supports healthy, caring and inclusive communities by strengthening vital connections that support people in need. Representing the six regions of Central and Northern Vancouver Island, East Kootenay, Lower Mainland, Southern Interior, Thompson Nicola Cariboo, and Trail and District, our organization serves a population of more than 4 million people, with a focus on kids and youth, seniors, poverty, mental health and food security.

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About Land to Table:

The North Okanagan Land to Table Network is a growing network of people and organizations from across the North Okanagan who support the L2T vision - to build a thriving, healthy and resilient regional food system. In collaboration with our network partners, we build the network and carry out projects that strengthen and support the local food system.

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